



RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2876
Docket No.: 826.1452

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Ken HASHIMOTO

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CHARGING USING DATA CARRIER

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 15, 2001, and having a period for response set to expire on November 15, 2001. A Petition for a two-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to January 15, 2002. Entry of this Rule 116 Amendment is requested because the amendments were not earlier presented because the applicant believes in good faith that the cited prior art does not disclose the present invention as previously claimed.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **CANCEL** claim 23 without prejudice or disclaimer and **AMEND** claims 1, 2, 5, 10-12, 14-17, 20, 21, 22 and 24 in accordance with the following: